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1.0 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

This report is submitted to NASA Manned Spacecraft Center to satisfy the contractual requirements for a Monthly Progress and Final Report for work accomplished under NASA Contract Number NAS9-5689 during the reporting period from October, 1966 through 21 November 1966.

This report consists of a resume of work accomplished during the reporting period and a summary of the over-all program.

During this reporting period the test data generated in the course of the Qualification Test was reduced and checked for accuracy and completeness. The Qualification Test Report was then prepared, edited and six copies were reproduced. These copies were forwarded to NASA as soon as they were completed. The Qualification Report would normally have been the Final Report for the Single Bridgewire Apollo Standard Initiator Program if the task had not been expanded to include three lots of production hardware and additional Next Using Device Tests.

The three production lots of hardware, lots UAA, UAB and UAC have all been completed and delivered to the designated locations.

The drawings on NASA format of the detail parts, sub-assemblies and assemblies of the SBASI have been completed, checked for accuracy during the reporting period and the vellums forwarded to NASA.

The Next Using Device Tests were completed during this reporting period and the data is included in the Appendix of this report.

This report, in addition to being the Monthly Progress Report for the months of October and November, 1966, is also the Final Report for the Single Bridgewire Apollo Standard Initiator Program. All activities of the program have been reported in either the individual Monthly Progress Reports, the Interim Report or the Qualification Test Report. This includes the activities which have taken place during Phases V and VI of the program.

2.0 PHASES

2.1 Phases I, II and III

The first three phases covered primarily the design and development activities of the SBASI Program. These phases covered numerous areas of design and development effort. The majority of these tasks were completed either on schedule or prior to the scheduled date for completion.

All of the accomplishments of the development activity have been reported in concise detail in the various Monthly Progress Reports and were summarized in the April Combined Monthly Progress and Interim Report. Consequently, no additional reporting coverage on these phases is required.

2.2 Phase IV

This phase of the program encompassed performance testing, overpressurization tests and Next Using Device testing. The performance and overpressurization tests were completed and results were covered in the preceding Monthly Progress Report.

The Detonator, the Type I Cartridge, the Type II Cartridge and the Type 200 Cartridge firings have all been completed and the test results were included in previous reports. The Igniters, the Grumman Nut Cartridges, Grumman Bolt Cartridges and the End Detonating Cartridge firings were completed during this reporting period. The performance of the units using the SBASI was comparable to performance of units that used the four pin ASI. The results of these Next Using Device Tests are included in the Appendix.

2.3 Phase V

Phase V was made up of the pre-production fabrication and pre-production test portions of the program. This phase included the normal non-destructive testing, the lamp-l watt no-fire tests, the 96 hour low temperature test, temperature cycling tests, all of the Bruceton testing, high and low temperature vibration testing and functioning of the units at high, low and ambient temperatures.

2.4 Phase VI

This phase included the fabrication of the qualification lot of hardware, lot acceptance testing prior to qualification and finally the performance of the Qualification Test Program.

The Qualification Test Program was started during the previous reporting period. The climatic, handling and storage, the mission sequential maximum level tests and the firings were completed during the month of September. The results of the Delta Qualification Test Program were excellent and the unit is now considered qualified to the requirements of the NASA work statement and qualified for use on the Apollo System either on the basis of similarity to the Four Pin ASI or on the successful completion of the Delta Qualification Test Program.

Compilation of the Qualification Test Report was started during the September reporting period and was completed during this reporting period. Six copies of the Qualification Test Report were forwarded to NASA/MSC during the month of October.

3.0 OVER-ALL PROGRESS

3.1 Progress to Date

The progress of the Single Bridgewire Apollo Standard Initiator Program has been most impressive to date since the entire program has essentially been on an accelerated basis.

The schedule was maintained throughout the earlier portions of the program but required adjustment when some of the long lead time items were not delivered on time. The adjustments that were made were phased in such a manner that the detrimental effects were minimized.

The one major schedule adjustment required was the Delta Qualification Test Program. This was necessary because of the added time required for the fabrication of the additional lots of qualification hardware. But here again, due to the extra effort expended, the time periods required were held to an absolute minimum and the Qualification Test Firings were completed within a few weeks of the original target date.

The three production lots of two hundred each were started as soon as it was expedient. All three lots, UAA, UAB and UAC, have successfully passed Lot Acceptance Testing and have been reconfigured and shipped per NASA direction.

The drawings of the SBASI on NASA vellums were completed during the early part of November. These drawings reflect the unit which successfully completed the Qualification Test Program and is now in production. The drawings reflect the processes and materials used for the manufacturing of the SBASI and when used in conjunction with SKB26100053

represent a complete data package. The SKB26100053 Specification and the Test Specifications covering the Lot Acceptance and Qualification Test Program (TP 6005) have been previously submitted to NASA. The Specification Control Drawing SLB26100052 had also been submitted and approved by NASA/MSC. This drawing was updated to reflect the Qualification Test unit configuration during the reporting period and returned to NASA/MSC with the other vellums.

The completion of the Next Using Device Tests was the last remaining item on this program. Results of these tests are included in the Appendix.

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